HONORING JAMES "JIMMY" MOLL FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, February 25, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, James Moll lived as the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution begins, "for God and country." Mr. Moll embodied each of the Legion's value principles. A Veteran is a Veteran that obliges the Legion to help current and former members of the military transition into their community. How better to do this than by becoming Niagara County and Legion Post 264 Commander?

Jim offered his selfless service to the world and his country in the Army, and his American values and patriotism were always on display in his enlistment in the Army and subsequent membership in Chapter 77 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"Jimmy's" engagement with family and community shined in his devotion to his late wife and in his co-founding and board membership of the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens. His three-decades-long career with the North Tonawanda Board of Education demonstrated his commitment to advancing the vision for new generations of Americans. Mr. Moll honored those who came before with his 45-year commitment to the Legion and lifelong devotion to God.

His service protected citizens, his leadership helped veterans, his work served students, and his appreciation for natural beauty preserved it for others. Truly, James Moll was a Veteran who strengthened America.

CONGRATULATING DIANA BRAMBLE

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diana Bramble on her selection as the new superintendent of South Carolina's Cowpens National Battlefield, located in Gaffney, South Carolina, and Kings Mountain National Military Park, located in Blacksburg, South Carolina. In her new role, Diana will also oversee the management of Overmountain Victory National historic Trail and Ninety Six National Historic Trail which she has managed on a temporary basis since September.

Diana has a tremendous reverence for the history of these sites and their place in the history of our Nation's founding. They form the National Park Service's Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Parks Group and are also part of the Liberty Trail, a path of preservation and interpretation across South Carolina telling the remarkable story of American victory in the Revolutionary War.

Many historians believe the Revolutionary War to have been decided in the swamps, fields, woods, and mountains of the South, won by the grit of Continental soldiers and Patriot militia. It is because of the important work of men and women like Diana that the history tied to this land will not only be preserved, but

also interpreted and brought to life for the public IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARK AVE.

Diana has served the National Park Service for the last decade. She began her career with the National Park Service in 2011 as the supervisory horticulturist for Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Four years later, she became the chief of maintenance at the National Capital Parks-East. In 2019, Diana was awarded the honor of being the National Park Service National Capital Area Manager of the Year. Diana is also a graduate of the National Park Service Facility Manager Leaders Program and now serves as a program mentor to others.

Diana is both a team player and a tremendous leader. She is passionate about leadership and strives to mentor others to bring out their best attributes and support their aspirations. Throughout her tenure with the National Park Service, Diana has been able to combine her educational background in natural resources with her appreciation for storytelling into a successful career in public service.

I am grateful for the work of Diana and the National Park Service and all they do to care for our national parks and preserve our legacy. I am excited to welcome Diana to South Carolina's 5th District, and I wish her luck in her new role.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND HONORING LINDA HILL ANDERSON

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Black History Month, I am paying tribute to African-American leaders from Florida who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country. These accomplished men and women have not always received the recognition they have earned.

Today I rise to honor Linda Hill Anderson. Linda is a fourth-generation Hollywood, Florida native. She graduated from Hollywood Hills High School and Sheridan Vocational School and served in the Broward County Public School system for over 40 years.

Linda has been an active member of her community, serving as president of the Liberia Civic Association and on the African-American Advisory Council.

Linda was elected to Hollywood's city commission in 2020. She is the first Black woman ever to serve on the commission in Hollywood's 95-year history.

Commissioner Anderson is a trailblazer and an extraordinary public servant. She has dedicated her life to making her Hollywood community stronger and fairer. Every day, she works tirelessly to improve the lives of her fellow Floridians.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Linda Hill Anderson.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-NIVERSARY OF THE PARK AVE-NUE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, February 25, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. Since 1921, this church has served as a cornerstone of Kansas City's African American religious community. Under the dedicated and passionate leadership of its numerous pastors, the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church has stood strong and prospered. This church has served as a center of support during Kansas City's most trying times and as a center of celebration during its best times. No matter the challenges Kansas City faced, the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church has remained steadfast for all the faithful who made the church their spiritual home.

Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church was first established in February of 1921 by the late Rev. Thomas H. Ewing. Until the construction of the first house of worship, services were held in the homes of congregation members. Built at 19th Street & Highland Avenue, the original location helped spread the "good news" to Kansas City's Black population for thirty-four years. During this time, the church led parishioners through some of our nation's darkest periods. Through the hunger of the Great Depression, the grief of the Second World War, and the sorrows of the Korean War, the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church stood strong and guided churchgoers through the trials, tribulations, and troubles that tested the resolve of our country.

In 1955, the congregation moved to a second location at 19th Street & Park Avenue. For the next sixteen years, Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church filled the pews and saved the souls at 19th & Park. Within this new house of God, the church continued delivering the word of God, just as it had done for nearly thirty-five years. As Black Americans across the country were being beaten and jailed for demanding equal citizenship, this church weathered the storm and provided a stable place of worship for Kansas City's African American community. In spite of all that the community faced, the ministry grew rapidly in size, bringing on six new ministers to the fellowship while expanding its program offerings. This remarkable growth in the church body served as a testament to the spiritual gifts of the congregation's dedicated leaders while laying the foundation for the meteoric growth that was soon to come.

Finally, in 1969, it became apparent that the congregation needed a new home. Thus, the church began construction on its third and final location at the intersection of Park and Jackson Avenue in the winter of 1970. For 51 years, Park Avenue Missionary Baptist Church has remained in this location, providing weekly services and invaluable spiritual guidance to the community which it serves. Since the first bricks of this final location were laid, the church has been led by Rev. Dr. Carl Johnson, Rev. Dr. Ervin, and Rev. Gregory Stevens, respectively.

Following the burning of the mortgage in 1972, the Park Avenue Missionary Baptist